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## Carmel Gallery Thrives in Sparkling New Space

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Christine and Brian Westbrook in their 3,000 sq. ft. gallery Westbrook Modern in Carmel, which highlights abstract art, glass and pieces by Picasso, Renoir and Calder.

The work of significant artists deserves a spectacular showplace. For Brian and Christine Westbrook, owners of Westbrook Modern in Carmel, that showplace is on Dolores, northwest of 7th.

The couple opened their gallery in 2004 and moved to the current location as the business celebrated 15 years. They worked closely with the building owners, architect and contractor to create what Brian Westbrook calls "the dream space."

"It's beautiful, bright and open. It's the perfect space for the dynamic colors of modern art," he says.

Housed in a brick structure believed to be built in the late 1930s, the 3,000-square-foot space features 11-foot ceilings and large front windows. Modified original arches let natural light deep into the gallery. Rolling walls provide the flexibility to accommodate new pieces and exhibitions.

Westbrook Modern focuses on abstract art from the mid 1940s to now, along with 20th-century carved glass and work by artists such as Picasso, Renoir and Calder. Westbrook's goal is to connect clients with thoughtful art not just decorative pieces.

"The focus has always been to buy and sell artwork that we believe will stand the test of time," he says. "It's about being a good neighbor and selling things that have lasting value."

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